

Astley Grange Homes Limited

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## Inspection report

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## Ratings

Overall rating for this service	Inspected but not rated
Is the service safe?	Inspected but not rated

# Summary of findings

## Overall summary

Astley Grange is a care home providing personal and nursing care for up to 30 people over two floors. At the time of the inspection, 28 people were living at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The service has robust checks in place for visitors on whether they had any COVID-19 symptoms or had tested positive. Guidance related to COVID-19 was visible on arrival at the home. Hand hygiene was promoted and a personal protective equipment (PPE) station was available for visitors who did not have their own PPE. Visitors were asked to sign a disclaimer stating they had not been in contact with anyone who had been symptomatic or who had tested positive.

The management team had worked closely with colleagues across health and social care, such as the local infection control team, to ensure they were following the most up to date guidance. Staff wore and disposed of PPE appropriately and washed their hands regularly. Sanitising stations were not used at the time of inspection as the provider was concerned about residents being able to access them unsafely. We asked the provider to speak with the local authority's infection control team to implement a secure way of making sanitiser stations available to staff. We were informed shortly after the inspection that stations had been installed.

The service had a robust cleaning schedule; the domestic team were organised and worked effectively to ensure the home was clean and tidy. Chairs in communal areas had been moved to ensure social distancing was observed.

Robust risk assessments were completed, making it clear how staff could reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Where risks had been identified, measures to support staff had been recorded. Staff had received training in infection control and the correct use of PPE.

We were assured that the service met good infection prevention and control guidelines.

## The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

### **Is the service safe?**

Further information is in the detailed findings below.

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## **Detailed findings**

### Background to this inspection

We carried out this inspection under Section 60 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 as part of our regulatory functions. This inspection was planned to check whether the provider is meeting the legal requirements and regulations associated with the Health and Social Care Act 2008.

As part of CQC's response to the coronavirus pandemic we are looking at the preparedness of care homes in relation to infection prevention and control. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 10 March and was announced.

# Is the service safe?

## Our findings

S5□ How well are people protected by the prevention and control of infection?

- We were assured that the provider was preventing visitors from catching and spreading infections.
- We were assured that the provider was meeting shielding and social distancing rules.
- We were assured that the provider was admitting people safely to the service.
- We were assured that the provider was using PPE effectively and safely.
- We were assured that the provider was accessing testing for people using the service and staff.
- We were assured that the provider was promoting safety through the layout and hygiene practices of the premises.
- We were assured that the provider was making sure infection outbreaks can be effectively prevented or managed.
- We were assured that the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.

We have also signposted the provider to the local authority's infection control team, to seek advice on securely installing hand sanitising stations.